

## REMARKS

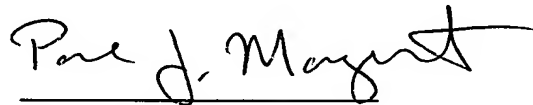
Claims 1-47 are pending in this patent application. By this amendment, claim 1 has been canceled. Reconsideration of this patent application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

This amendment is being concurrently filed with a Request for Continued Examination, a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, and a Petition to Withdraw Application for Issuance under 37 CFR 1.313(c).

Consideration of the references cited in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, as well as pending claims 2-47, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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